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33.1 Pursuant to the proposal of the Secretary-General in his report entitled "Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform" (A/51/950), the General Assembly, by its resolution 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, decided, *inter alia*, to establish a development account in the programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999. By its resolution 52/221 A of 22 December 1997, the Assembly approved an appropriation of $13,065,000 for the development account under section 34 of the programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999. Furthermore, in section III of its resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1997, the General Assembly noted that arrangements and procedures for utilization of the development account were to be formulated and called upon the Secretary-General to report on the issue before the end of March 1998.

33.2 After considering the proposals submitted by the Secretary-General in his note on the utilization of the development account (A/52/848), the General Assembly, by its resolution 52/235 of 26 June 1998, requested the Secretary-General to submit to it, at the third part of its resumed fifty-second session, a detailed report on the sustainability of the development account, the modalities of its implementation, the specific purposes and the associated performance criteria for the use of resources. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to submit proposals on the use of the funds available in section 34, Development account, of the programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999 to the relevant intergovernmental organs.

33.3 Pursuant to these requests, the Secretary-General submitted two reports on the utilization of the development dividend (E/1998/81 and A/53/374) and one on the development account (A/52/1009):

(a) In the report on the utilization of the development dividend (E/1998/81), submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1998, and in the updated report on the subject, submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session (A/53/374), the Secretary-General presented concrete proposals for the development account, drawn up within the amount of $13,065,000 appropriated for the biennium 1998–1999. The Assembly, by its resolution 53/220 of 7 April 1999, approved four of the eight proposals made by the Secretary-General, and requested him to reformulate the other proposals along the criteria described in paragraph 5 of the resolution, and to submit these reformulated proposals to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed fifty-third session;

(b) In the report on the development account (A/52/1009), the Secretary-General addressed the issue of the sustainability of the development account, the modalities of its implementation and the specific purposes and associated performance criteria for its use. The General Assembly is still in the process of discussing the proposals contained in the report and has not taken a decision thereon.

33.4 In the light of this situation, it is not possible, at this stage, to submit detailed proposals regarding the modalities and use of the development account for the biennium 2000–2001. The Secretary-General considers that proposals for 2000–2001 will depend on what would have been agreed for the biennium 1998–1999. On that basis, the Secretary-General is proposing that, for the time being, the amount for the development account to be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001 be at the same level as for the biennium 1998–1999, namely, $13,065,000. The Secretary-General will submit detailed proposals on the use of this amount to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session. These proposals will be based on the arrangements agreed among Member States in the General Assembly concerning the procedure and process for the use of the development account.

Table 3.1 **Summary of requirements by component**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Regular budget

Component	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Development account	–	13 065.0	–	–	13 065.0	–	13 065.0
Total	**–**	**13 065.0**	**–**	**–**	**13 065.0**	**–**	**13 065.0**